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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

October 1, 2015

Tom Wheeler
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

I have practiced law in the Riverside area for over 40 years and have also served as Trustee for the Riverside Community College District* for over 9 years and have a keen interest in any initiatives that would enhance the economic conditions and educational success of the community. After reviewing the list of commitments Charter has made in its merger filing, I urge you to approve the merger between Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable, and Bright House Networks into New Charter.

Through my criminal law practice I have witness firsthand the challenges faced by individuals with limited job opportunities. New Charter's pledge to bring call center jobs back to the U.S. has the potential of creating new jobs in a community that has had a slow job employment recovery. New Charter's investment in enhancing their business products and their \$2.5 billion investment in commercial areas will bring the products businesses need to stay competitive and prosper. One can argue that such an investment creates opportunity for growth and new jobs.

I also wish to commend Charter for being a good corporate citizen by producing the *Charter Local Edition* public affairs show that covers local news and initiatives which the mainstream media chronically neglects in this region. Riverside is part of the Inland Empire, a region that covers the Riverside and San Bernardino County communities. Although the region is home to over 4 million people, we are constantly overshadowed by the Los Angeles media covering the Greater Los Angeles area. *Charter Local Edition* has filled that news void in our community, allowing for intelligent conversation about area politics and policies. I am more than pleased that they will continue the program under New Charter.

I thank you for your time and again urge you to support the merger.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "V. Blumenthal", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Virginia M. Blumenthal

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